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TO: Director of Central Intelligence

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THROUGH: Deputy Director of Intelligence

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FROM: Assistant Director for Scientific Intelligence

SUBJECT: Dissemination of Information on the Occurrence of USSR  
Atomic Weapons Test Explosions

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1. **PROBLEM.**—To establish appropriate policies and procedures governing the dissemination of information on the occurrence of USSR atomic weapons test explosions.
2. **DISCUSSION.**—
  - a. Because of the "leak" to the press of information on the last two Soviet atomic weapons test explosions, it was necessary for the President to publicly announce the occurrence of these tests several days after they were detected.
  - b. 
  - c. This problem has been considered by the Joint Atomic Energy Intelligence Committee, and recommended policies and procedures have been drafted which provide for more secure arrangements within the government for dissemination of information on the occurrence of USSR atomic weapon explosions. (See TAB A.) This proposal has been unanimously agreed to by all members of JAEIC.
  - d. The DCI has the authority to implement this proposal under the provisions of Section 102 (d) (3) of the National Security Act of 1947 and NSCID No. 11, dated 6 January 1950, in connection with his responsibility for protecting intelligence sources and methods from unauthorized disclosure. This can be accomplished by the issue of an appropriate DCID (TAB B) to the government officials involved both inside and outside the intelligence community.
3. **CONCLUSION.**—In the interest of national security, policies and procedures should be established which provide adequate limitations on the dissemination of information related to the occurrence of a Soviet atomic weapons test explosion.

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4. **RECOMMENDATION.**—The Director of Central Intelligence, with the concurrence of the IAC, issue a DCID substantially as outlined at TAB B.

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Assistant Director

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**ANNEXES:**

TAB A

TAB B

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**CONCURRENCE:**

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**ACTION BY APPROVING AUTHORITY:**

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(1) Central Intelligence Agency:

(a) Director of Central Intelligence  
via: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence  
Deputy Director, Intelligence  
Assistant Director for Scientific Intelligence

(b) The Director of Central Intelligence will inform:

The President  
The Executive Secretary of the National  
Security Council

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The Deputy to the Secretary of Defense  
for Atomic Energy, who will inform  
the Secretary of Defense and the  
Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of  
Staff

The Chairman, Joint Committee of Congress  
on Atomic Energy

(2) Department of the Army:

Secretary of the Army  
via: Chief of Staff

Deputy Chief of Staff for Plans  
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3, Operations  
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, Intelligence  
Deputy Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, Intelligence  
Chief, Production Division, OAC/S, G-2

(3) Department of the Navy:

Secretary of the Navy  
via: Director, Division of Atomic Energy  
Deputy Director, Division of Atomic Energy  
Chief of Naval Operations  
Deputy Chief of Operations, Operations  
Director of Naval Intelligence  
Head, Scientific Intelligence Section

(4) Department of the Air Force:

Secretary of the Air Force  
via: Chief of Staff  
Deputy Chief of Staff, Operations  
Director of Intelligence  
Director of Operations  
Director of Plans  
Assistant for Atomic Energy  
Deputy Director for Estimates  
Deputy Director for Collection and Dissemination  
Chief, Air Targets Division, Air Force Intelligence

(5) Atomic Energy Commission:

AEC Commissioners  
General Manager

(6) Department of State:

Secretary of State  
Under Secretary of State  
Deputy Under Secretary of State

Counselor  
Director of the Policy Planning Staff  
Special Assistant for Research and Intelligence

(7) Joint Chiefs of Staff:

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The Chairman, Joint Committee of Congress  
on Atomic Energy

(2) Department of the Army:

Secretary of the Army  
via: Chief of Staff  
Deputy Chief of Staff for Plans  
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3, Operations  
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, Intelligence  
Deputy Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, Intelligence  
Chief, Production Division, OAC/S, G-2

(3) Department of the Navy:

Secretary of the Navy  
via: Director, Division of Atomic Energy  
Deputy Director, Division of Atomic Energy  
Chief of Naval Operations  
Deputy Chief of Operations, Operations  
Director of Naval Intelligence  
Head, Scientific Intelligence Section

(4) Department of the Air Force:

Secretary of the Air Force  
via: Chief of Staff  
Deputy Chief of Staff, Operations  
Assistant for Atomic Energy  
Director of Intelligence  
Director of Operations  
Director of Plans  
Deputy Director for Estimates  
Deputy Director for Collection and Dissemination  
Chief, Air Targets Division, Air Force Intelligence

(5) Atomic Energy Commission:

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